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LOK SABHA

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LEPROSY ERADICATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NGOs working in Karnataka in connection with the leprosy eradication programme ;

(b) whether any training and rehabilitation programme is also being implemented by these NGOs for the leprosy patients ; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by these NGOs for the identification, training & rehabilitation of leprosy patients during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Only one NGO namely, Shantha Jeeva Jyoti, Bangalore is working in the State of Karnataka under SET (Survey, Education and Treatment) Scheme of National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) and is receiving Grant-in-Aid from Government of India.

(b) Yes Sir, patients are being given training for the prevention of deformity under the SET scheme. Another NGO functioning in the State is Shri Ramana Maharshi Trust which is getting financial assistance from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for running a Rehabilitation Centre for Leprosy Cured persons under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme.

(c) During last three years 423 leprosy patients were given training for Prevention or Deformity under the SET Scheme. The number of patients trained during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 is 120,150 and 153 respectively.

Shri Raman Maharshi Trust provides training in tailoring and paper envelop madding to leprosy cured persons. Residential facilities with food, medicine etc. to severely disabled leprosy cured persons are also provided by this Centre. The number of persons benefited during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 is 129,146 and 145 respectively.